

Loss in Punjab Roadways, Nangal

4815. SHRI KESHRI LAL:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI ROSHAN LAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Roadways, Nangal suffered an avoidable loss of lakhs of rupees due to non-revision of fares as per Government notification;

(b) if so, whether responsibility has been fixed for this loss;

(c) the number of other irregularities reported in this Depot during the last six months and the loss involved therein; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons for dereliction of duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Alleged Thefts in Elgin Mills Company Limited

4816. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PARASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale thefts of property of the Elgin Mills Company Limited, a subsidiary of the British India Corporation Ltd., have been reported;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard and responsibility fixed;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(d) the action taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d). One incident of alleged theft on 23.11.91 is under investigation by the Police. Prior to this, another incident of theft occurred in October, 1987. As regards the incident of theft reported in October, 1987 the services of the officer found guilty were terminated in November, 1988. In respect of the theft case reported on 23.11.91, the Circle Officer, Colonelganj, Police Station, Kanpur, in his report dated 4.12.1991 opined that actually no theft was committed and the auctioned material was being carried in the truck which was, on a complaint from a dismissed employee, intercepted. However, pursuant to objections and complaints from different quarters, the matter has again been taken up by Police for investigation. The question regarding fixing of responsibility and the action to be taken will arise only on the completion of the final investigation.

Bridges on National Highway No. 5 in Orissa

4817. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of river bridges situated on National Highway No. 5 in Orissa;

(b) whether the Government propose to construct some new river bridges at the same locations and widen some major river

bridges as the existing bridges have become very old;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to repair the existing bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Total No. of river bridges situated on N.H. 5 in Orissa is 125.

(b) to (d). There is a proposal to construct one two lane high level bridge across Palasuni river in lieu of the existing submersible bridge at the same location. Further, there are proposals for construction of four major new river bridges across rivers Mahanadi, Kuakhai, Kathjori and Palasuni on the additional two lanes on Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Jagatpur Section of NH 5.

Contempt of Court Petitions Pending in Supreme Court

4818. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contempt of court petitions are pending in the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). As per information furnished by the Supreme Court Registry, as on 17th December, 1991, 248 Contempt of Court Petitions were pending in the Supreme Court.

Guwahati Stock Exchange

4819. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Guwahati Stock Exchange had admitted members during the first three years of its recognition by the Government on an undertaking that the members so admitted must give up business/profession carried on by them at the time of their admission within five years thereafter or loss their membership;

(b) whether the above exchange has taken any steps to enforce the compliance of the said undertaking by its members who have already completed five years of such membership;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Report of Cotton Sweaters to US

4820. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the bilateral agreement with US regarding textile exports the Government have conceded to US condition to reduce the quantum of export of cotton sweaters; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government to help the cotton sweater exporters?